

**CASCADE MUNICIPAL UTILITIES
(COMPONENT UNIT OF THE CITY OF CASCADE, IOWA)**

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORTS
BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
SUPPLEMENTARY AND OTHER INFORMATION
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS**

June 30, 2015

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CASCADE MUNICIPAL UTILITIES

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Trustees
Cascade Municipal Utilities:

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the business type activities, and each major fund of Cascade Municipal Utilities (a component unit of the City of Cascade, Iowa) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2015, and the related Notes to Financial Statements, which collectively comprise the Utility's basic financial statements listed in the table of contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with the cash basis of accounting described in Note 1. This includes determining that the cash basis of accounting is an acceptable basis for the preparation of the financial statements in the circumstances. Management is also responsible for the implementation and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with U.S. generally accepted auditing standards and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the Utility's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the

circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Utility's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Opinions

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to in the first paragraph of this report present fairly, in all material respects, the respective cash basis financial position of the business type activities, and each major fund of Cascade Municipal Utilities as of June 30, 2015, and the respective changes in its cash basis financial position for the year then ended in accordance with the basis of accounting described in Note 1.

Basis of Accounting

As described in Note 1, these financial statements were prepared on the basis of cash receipts and disbursements, which is a basis of accounting other than U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. Our opinions are not modified with respect to this matter.

Emphasis of a Matter

As disclosed in Note 4 to the financial statements, Cascade Municipal Utilities adopted new accounting guidance related to Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 68, Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions. Our opinions are not modified with respect to this matter.

Other Matters

Supplementary and Other Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise Cascade Municipal Utilities' basic financial statements. The supplementary information included in Schedules 1 and 2 is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The supplementary information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with U.S. generally accepted auditing standards. In our opinion, the supplementary information is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

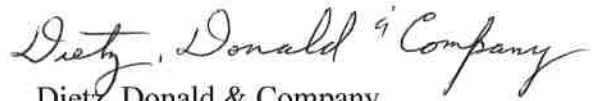
The other information, Management's Discussion and Analysis and the Budgetary Comparison Information on pages 7 through 11 and 25 through 30, has not been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, accordingly, we do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on it.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued our report dated November 27, 2015 on our consideration of Cascade Municipal Utilities' internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards in considering the Cascade Municipal Utilities' internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Elkader, Iowa

November 27, 2015


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MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

Cascade Municipal Utilities (the Utility) provides this Management's Discussion and Analysis of its financial statements. This narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities is for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2015. We encourage readers to consider this information in conjunction with the Utility's financial statements which follow.

2015 FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

- Receipts of the Utility's business type activities increased 0.1%, or approximately \$ 2,000 from fiscal year 2014 to fiscal 2015.
- Disbursements of the Utility's business type activities decreased 7.9%, or approximately \$ 240,000, in fiscal year 2015 from fiscal year 2014. Operating disbursements decreased approximately \$ 91,000, while capital project disbursements decreased approximately \$ 151,000.
- The Utility's total cash basis net position increased 16.5%, or approximately \$ 435,000 from June 30, 2014 to June 30, 2015.

USING THIS ANNUAL REPORT

The annual report consists of a series of financial statements and other information, as follows:

Management's Discussion and Analysis introduces the basic financial statements and provides an analytical overview of the Utility's financial activities.

The Government-wide Financial Statement consists of a Cash Basis Statement of Activities and Net Position. This statement provides information about the activities of the Utility as a whole and presents an overall view of the Utility's finances.

The Fund Financial Statement tells how government services were financed in the short term as well as what remains for future spending. The fund financial statement reports the Utility's operations in more detail than the government-wide statement by providing information about the Utility's most significant funds.

Notes to Financial Statements provide additional information essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the basic financial statements.

Other Information further explains and supports the financial statements with a comparison of the Utility's budget for the year and the Utility's proportional share of the net pension liability and related contributions.

Supplementary Information provides detailed information about the Utility's long-term debt.

BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

The Utility maintains its financial records on the basis of cash receipts and disbursements and the financial statements of the Utility are prepared on that basis. The cash basis of accounting does not give effect to accounts receivables, accounts payable and accrued items. Accordingly, the financial statements do not present financial position and results of operations of the funds in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. Therefore, when reviewing the financial information and discussion within this annual report, readers should keep in mind the limitations resulting from the use of the cash basis of accounting.

REPORTING THE UTILITIES' FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

Government-wide Financial Statement

One of the most important questions asked about the Utility's finances is "Is the Utility, as a whole, better off or worse off as a result of the year's activities?" The Cash Basis Statement of Activities and Net Position reports information which helps answer this question.

The Cash Basis Statement of Activities and Net Position presents the Utility's net position. Over time, increases or decreases in the Utility's net position may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of the Utility is improving or deteriorating.

The Cash Basis Statement of Activities and Net Position includes only business type activities. Business type activities include the electric works and natural gas system. These activities are financed primarily by user charges.

Fund Financial Statements

The Utility has only proprietary funds. Proprietary funds are used to account for the Utility's Enterprise Funds. Enterprise Funds are used to report business type activities. The Utility maintains two Enterprise Funds to provide separate information for the Electric and Gas Funds, considered to be major funds of the Utility.

The required financial statement for proprietary funds is a Statement of Cash Receipts, Disbursements and Changes in Cash Balances.

GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

Net position may serve over time as a useful indicator of financial position. The Utility's cash balance for business type activities increased from a year ago, increasing from approximately \$ 2.638 million to approximately \$ 3.073 million. The analysis that follows focuses on the changes in cash balances for business type activities.

Changes in Cash Basis Net Position of Business Type Activities (Expressed in Thousands)

	<u>Year Ended June 30,</u>	
	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Receipts:		
Program receipts:		
Charges for service:		
Electric	\$ 1,938	1,904
Gas	1,134	1,192
General receipts:		
Unrestricted interest on investments	19	18
Miscellaneous	132	107
Total receipts	<u>3,223</u>	<u>3,221</u>
Disbursements:		
Electric	1,921	1,965
Gas	867	1,063
Total disbursements	<u>2,788</u>	<u>3,028</u>
Change in cash basis net position	435	193
Cash basis net position beginning of year	<u>2,638</u>	<u>2,445</u>
Cash basis net position end of year	<u>\$ 3,073</u>	<u>2,638</u>

Total business type activities receipts for the fiscal year were approximately \$ 3.223 million compared to approximately \$ 3.221 million last year. The cash balance increased approximately \$ 435,000. Total disbursements for the fiscal year decreased 7.9% to approximately \$ 2.788 million. This decrease was the result of less utility usage due to a milder winter.

INDIVIDUAL MAJOR BUSINESS TYPE FUND ANALYSIS

The Enterprise, Electric Fund cash balance increased \$ 144,592 to \$ 1,077,972, due primarily to a decrease in capital project disbursements.

The Enterprise, Gas Fund cash balance increased \$ 290,106 to \$ 1,994,844, which is \$ 141,560 more than the 2014 increase.

BUDGETARY HIGHLIGHTS

Over the course of the year, the Utility did not amend its budget.

The Utility's receipts were \$ 22,089 more than budgeted. Disbursements were \$ 72,575 less than budgeted.

DEBT ADMINISTRATION

At June 30, 2015, the Utility had \$ 1,605,000 in revenue notes outstanding as compared to \$ 1,745,000 last year.

ECONOMIC FACTORS AND NEXT YEAR'S BUDGET AND RATES

Cascade Municipal Utilities' appointed officials and citizens considered many factors when setting the fiscal year 2016 budget and fees that will be charged for various Utility activities. One of those factors is the economy. Over the last 40 years, Cascade's population has increased 415 to 2159 and that trend is expected to continue. The local economy seems to be improving as sales tax receipts have increased slightly.

These indicators were taken into account when adopting the budget for fiscal year 2016. Disbursements are budgeted to increase \$ 425,983 from the fiscal year 2015 budget.

If these estimates are realized, the Utility's budgeted cash balance is expected to decrease approximately \$ 30,000 by the close of fiscal year 2016.

CONTACTING THE UTILITY'S FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

This financial report is designed to present our customers and creditors with a general overview of the Utility's finances and to show the Utility's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report, or need additional financial information, contact: Ron Benke, Utility Manager; 320 1st Avenue West, PO Box 400; Cascade, Iowa 52033-0400.

BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

CASCADE MUNICIPAL UTILITIES
 (COMPONENT UNIT OF THE CITY OF CASCADE, IOWA)
 CASH BASIS STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES AND NET POSITION
 As of and for the Year Ended June 30, 2015

	<u>Disbursements</u>	<u>Program Receipts Charges For Service</u>	<u>Net (Disbursements) Receipts and Changes in Cash Basis Net Position Business Type Activities</u>
Functions/Programs:			
Business type activities:			
Electric	\$ 1,921,339	1,937,530	16,191
Gas	<u>866,630</u>	<u>1,134,126</u>	<u>267,496</u>
Total business type activities	<u>\$ 2,787,969</u>	<u>3,071,656</u>	<u>283,687</u>
General Receipts:			
Unrestricted interest on investments			18,919
Miscellaneous			<u>132,092</u>
Total general receipts			<u>151,011</u>
Change in cash basis net position			434,698
Cash basis net position beginning of year			<u>2,638,118</u>
Cash basis net position end of year			<u>\$ 3,072,816</u>
Cash Basis Net Position:			
Restricted:			
Nonexpendable:			
Utility deposits			\$ 62,067
Expendable:			
Debt service			230,703
Unrestricted			<u>2,780,046</u>
Total cash basis net position			<u>\$ 3,072,816</u>

See notes to financial statements.

CASCADE MUNICIPAL UTILITIES
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 STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS
 AND CHANGES IN CASH BALANCES
 PROPRIETARY FUNDS
 As of and for the Year Ended June 30, 2015

	Enterprise Funds		
	Electric	Gas	Total
Operating receipts:			
Charges for service	\$ 1,937,530	1,134,126	3,071,656
Disbursements:			
Business type activities	1,671,156	858,010	2,529,166
Excess of operating receipts over operating disbursements	266,374	276,116	542,490
Non-operating receipts (disbursements):			
Interest on investments	7,027	11,892	18,919
Miscellaneous	121,212	8,323	129,535
Meter deposits, net	162	2,395	2,557
Capital projects	(52,643)	(8,620)	(61,263)
Debt service	(197,540)	0	(197,540)
Net non-operating receipts (disbursements)	(121,782)	13,990	(107,792)
Net change in cash balances	144,592	290,106	434,698
Cash balances beginning of year	933,380	1,704,738	2,638,118
Cash balances end of year	\$ 1,077,972	1,994,844	3,072,816
Cash Basis Fund Balances:			
Restricted:			
Nonexpendable:			
Utility deposits	\$ 32,787	29,280	62,067
Expendable:			
Debt service	230,703	0	230,703
Unrestricted	814,482	1,965,564	2,780,046
Total cash basis fund balances	\$ 1,077,972	1,994,844	3,072,816

See notes to financial statements.

**CASCADE MUNICIPAL UTILITIES
(A COMPONENT UNIT OF THE CITY OF CASCADE, IOWA)**

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

JUNE 30, 2015

(1) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Cascade Municipal Utilities (the Utility) is a component unit of the City of Cascade, Iowa, as determined by criteria specified by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board. The Utility is governed by a three member board of trustees appointed by the City Council. The Utility provides electric and gas utilities for the citizens of Cascade.

A. Reporting Entity

For financial reporting purposes, Cascade Municipal Utilities has included all funds, organizations, agencies, boards, commissions and authorities. The Utility has also considered all potential component units for which it is financially accountable and other organizations for which the nature and significance of their relationship with the Utility are such that exclusion would cause the Utility's financial statements to be misleading or incomplete. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board has set forth criteria to be considered in determining financial accountability. These criteria include appointing a voting majority of an organization's governing body, and [1] the ability of the Utility to impose its will on that organization or [2] the potential for the organization to provide specific benefits to or impose specific financial burdens on the Utility. The Utility has no component units which meet the Governmental Accounting Standards Board criteria.

B. Basis of Presentation

Government-wide Financial Statement - The Cash Basis Statement of Activities and Net Position reports information on all of the nonfiduciary activities of the Utility. For the most part, the effect of interfund activities has been removed from this statement. Activities between the Utility and the primary government (City of Cascade) are reported as if they are external transactions and are classified separately from internal activities within the Utility.

The Cash Basis Statement of Activities and Net Position presents the Utility's nonfiduciary net position. Net position is reported in the following categories/components:

Nonexpendable restricted net position is subject to externally imposed stipulations which require the cash balance to be maintained permanently by the Utility, including customer deposits.

Expendable restricted net position results when constraints placed on the use of cash balances are either externally imposed or imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation. Enabling legislation did not result in any restricted net position.

Unrestricted net position consists of cash balances not meeting the definition of the preceding categories. Unrestricted net position often has constraints on cash balances imposed by management, which can be removed or modified.

The Cash Basis Statement of Activities and Net Position demonstrates the degree to which the direct disbursements of a given function are offset by program receipts. Direct disbursements are those clearly identifiable with a given function. Program receipts include 1] charges to customers or applicants who purchase, use or directly benefit from goods, services or privileges provided by a given function and 2] grants, contributions and interest on investments restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular function. Note proceeds and other items not properly included among program receipts are reported instead as general receipts.

Fund Financial Statements - Major individual enterprise funds are reported as separate columns in the fund financial statement.

The Utility reports the following major proprietary funds:

The Enterprise, Electric Fund accounts for the operation and maintenance of the Utility's electric system.

The Enterprise, Gas Fund accounts for the operation and maintenance of the Utility's natural gas distribution system.

C. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting

The Utility maintains its financial records on the basis of cash receipts and disbursements and the financial statements of the Utility are prepared on that basis. The cash basis of accounting does not give effect to accounts receivable, accounts payable and accrued items. Accordingly, the financial statements do not present financial position and results of operations of the funds in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

Proprietary funds distinguish operating receipts and disbursements from non-operating items. Operating receipts and disbursements generally result from providing services and producing and delivering goods in connection with a proprietary fund's principal ongoing operations. All receipts and disbursements not meeting this definition are reported as non-operating receipts and disbursements.

D. Budgets and Budgetary Accounting

The budgetary comparison and related disclosures are reported as Other Information.

(2) **Cash and Pooled Investments**

The Utility's deposits in banks at June 30, 2015, were entirely covered by federal depository insurance or by the State Sinking Fund in accordance with Chapter 12C of the Code of Iowa. This chapter provides for additional assessments against the depositories to insure there will be no loss of public funds.

The Utility is authorized by statute to invest public funds in obligations of the United States government, its agencies and instrumentalities; certificates of deposit or other evidences of deposit at federally insured depository institutions approved by the Utilities Board; prime eligible bankers acceptances; certain high rated commercial paper; perfected repurchase agreements; certain registered open-end management investment companies; certain joint investment trusts; and warrants or improvement certificates of a drainage district.

The Utility had investments in the Iowa Public Agency Investment Trust which are valued at an amortized cost of \$ 1,004 pursuant to Rule 2a-7 under the Investment Company Act of 1940.

Interest rate risk - The Utility's investment policy limits the investment of operating funds (funds expected to be expended in the current budget year or within 15 months of receipt) to instruments that mature within 397 days. Funds not identified as operating funds may be invested in investments with maturities longer than 397 days, but the maturities shall be consistent with the needs and use of the Utility.

Credit risk - The Utility's investment in the Iowa Public Agency Investment Trust is unrated.

(3) Notes Payable

Annual debt service requirements to maturity for revenue notes are as follows:

Year Ended June 30,	Electric Revenue Notes	
	Principal	Interest
2016	\$ 140,000	54,740
2017	145,000	51,660
2018	145,000	47,962
2019	150,000	43,758
2020	155,000	39,032
2021-2025	870,000	106,360
Total	<u>\$ 1,605,000</u>	<u>343,512</u>

The resolution providing for the issuance of the revenue notes include the following provisions:

- [a] The notes will only be redeemed from the future earnings of the electric utility and the note holders hold a lien on the future earnings of the utility. The notes are callable June 1, 2017 at par.
- [b] Sufficient monthly transfers shall be made to an electric revenue note sinking account for the purpose of making the note principal and interest payments when due.
- [c] Additionally, \$ 197,790 has been set aside from the note proceeds to create a principal and interest reserve account. These funds are set aside for the purpose of making principal and interest payments when funds are not sufficient in the sinking account.

(4) Pension Plan

Plan Description - IPERS membership is mandatory for employees of the Utility, except for those covered by another retirement system. Employees of the Utility are provided with pensions through a cost-sharing multiple employer defined benefit pension plan administered by Iowa Public Employees' Retirement System (IPERS). IPERS issues a stand-alone financial report which is available to the public by mail at 7401 Register Drive, P.O. Box 9117, Des Moines, Iowa 50306-9117 or at www.ipers.org.

IPERS benefits are established under Iowa Code chapter 97B and the administrative rules thereunder. Chapter 97B and the administrative rules are the official plan documents. The following brief description is provided for general informational purposes only. Refer to the plan documents for more information.

Pension Benefits - A regular member may retire at normal retirement age and receive monthly benefits without an early-retirement reduction. Normal retirement age is 65, anytime after reaching age 62 with 20 or more years of covered employment, or when the member's years of service plus the member's age at the last birthday equals or exceeds 88, whichever comes first. (These qualifications must be met on the member's first month of entitlement to benefits.) Members cannot begin receiving retirement benefits before age 55. The formula used to calculate a regular member's monthly IPERS benefit includes:

- A multiplier (based on years of service)
- The member's highest five-year average salary. (For members with service before June 30, 2012, the highest three-year average salary as of that date will be used if it is greater than the highest five-year salary.)

If a member retires before normal retirement age, the member's monthly retirement benefit will be permanently reduced by an early-retirement reduction. The early-retirement reduction is calculated differently for service earned before and after July 1, 2012. For service before July 1, 2012, the reduction is 0.25 percent for each month that the member receives benefits before the member's earliest normal retirement age. For service earned starting July 1, 2012, the reduction is 0.50 percent for each month that the member receives benefits before age 65.

Generally, once a member selects a benefit option, a monthly benefit is calculated and remains the same for the rest of the member's lifetime. However to combat the effects of inflation, retirees who began receiving benefits prior to July 1990 receive a guaranteed dividend with their regular November benefit payments.

Disability and Death Benefits - A vested member who is awarded federal Social Security disability or Railroad Retirement disability benefits is eligible to claim IPERS benefits regardless of age. Disability benefits are not reduced for early retirement. If a member dies before retirement, the member's beneficiary will receive a lifetime annuity or a lump-sum payment equal to the present actuarial value of the member's accrued benefit or calculated with a set formula, whichever is greater. When a member dies after retirement, death benefits depend on the benefit option the member selected at retirement.

Contributions - Effective July 1, 2012 as a result of a 2010 law change, the contribution rates are established by IPERS following the annual actuarial valuation, which applies IPERS' Contribution Rate Funding Policy and Actuarial Amortization Method. Statute limits the amount rates can increase or decrease each year

to 1 percentage point. IPERS Contribution Rate Funding Policy requires that the actuarial contribution rate be determined using the “entry age normal” actuarial cost method and the actuarial assumptions and methods approved by the IPERS Investment Board. The actuarial contribution rate covers normal cost plus the unfunded actuarial liability payment based on a 30-year amortization period. The payment to amortize the unfunded actuarial liability is determined as a level percentage of payroll based on the Actuarial Amortization Method adopted by the Investment Board.

In fiscal year 2015, pursuant to the required rate, regular members contributed 5.95 percent of pay and the Utility contributed 8.93 percent for a total of 14.88 percent.

The Utility’s contributions to IPERS for the year ended June 30, 2015 were \$ 27,815.

Collective Net Pension Liabilities, Collective Pension Expense, and Collective Deferred Outflows of Resources and Collective Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions - At June 30, 2015, the Utility’s liability for its proportionate share of the collective net pension liability totaled \$ 182,777. The collective net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2014, and the total pension liability used to calculate the collective net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. The Utility’s proportion of the collective net pension liability was based on the Utility’s share of contributions to the pension plan relative to the contributions of all IPERS participating employers. At June 30, 2014, the Utility’s proportion was 0.004516 percent, which was an increase of 0.000041 from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2013,

For the year ended June 30, 2015, the Utility’s collective pension expense, collective deferred outflows and collective deferred inflows totaled \$ 13,680, \$ 10,052 and \$ 69,706, respectively.

Actuarial Assumptions - The total pension liability in the June 30, 2014 actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

Rate of inflation (effective June 30, 2014)	3.00 percent per annum.
Rate of salary increase (effective June 30, 2010)	4.00 to 17.00 percent, average including inflation. Rates vary by membership group.
Long-term investment rate of return (effective June 30, 1996)	7.50 percent, compounded annually, net of investment expense, including inflation.

The actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2014 valuation were based on the results of actuarial experience studies with dates corresponding to those previously listed.

Mortality rates were based on the RP-2000 Mortality Table for Males or Females, as appropriate, with adjustments for mortality improvements based on Scale AA.

The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was determined using a building-block method in which best estimate ranges of expected future real rates (expected returns, net of pension plan investment expense and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation. The target allocation and best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset are summarized in the following table:

<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Asset Allocation</u>	<u>Long-term Expected Real Rate of Return</u>
US Equity	23%	6.31
Non US Equity	15	6.76
Private Equity	13	11.34
Real Estate	8	3.52
Core Plus Fixed Income	28	2.06
Credit Opportunities	5	3.67
TIPS	5	1.92
Other Real Assets	2	6.27
Cash	<u>1</u>	(0.69)
	<u>100%</u>	

Discount Rate - The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.5 percent. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that employee contributions will be made at the contractually required rate and that contributions from the Utility will be made at contractually required rates, actuarially determined. Based on those assumptions, the pension plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current active and inactive employees. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

Sensitivity of the Utility's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate - The following presents the Utility's proportionate share of the net pension liability calculated using the discount rate of 7.5 percent, as well as what the Utility's proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower (6.5 percent) or 1-percentage point higher (8.5 percent) than the current rate.

	1% Decrease (6.5%)	Discount Rate (7.5%)	1% Increase (8.5%)
Utility's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 345,352	\$ 182,777	\$ 45,547

Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position - Detailed information about the pension plan's fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued IPERS financial report which is available on IPERS' website at www.ipers.org.

(5) **Other Post-employment Benefits (OPEB)**

Plan Description - The Utility operates a single-employer retiree benefit plan which provides medical/prescription drug benefits for retirees and their spouses. There are 6 active members in the plan. Participants must be age 55 or older at retirement.

The medical/prescription drug benefits are provided through a fully-insured plan with Wellmark. Retirees under age 65 pay the same premium for the medical/prescription drug benefits as active employees.

Funding Policy - The contribution requirements of plan members are established and may be amended by the Utility.

The Utility finances the retiree benefit plan on a pay-as-you-go basis. The most recent active member monthly premiums for the Utility and plan members are \$ 399 for single coverage and \$ 770 for family coverage. For the year ended June 30, 2015, the Utility contributed \$ 44,996 and plan members contributed \$ 3,000.

(6) **Compensated Absences**

The Utility's employees accumulate a limited amount of earned but unused vacation hours for subsequent use or for payment upon termination, retirement or death. These accumulations are not recognized as disbursements by the Utility until used or paid. The Utility's approximate liability for earned vacation termination payments payable to employees at June 30, 2015, primarily relating to

the Electric Fund, is as follows:

<u>Type of Benefit</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Vacation	<u>\$ 20,000</u>

This liability has been computed based on rates of pay in effect at June 30, 2015.

(7) Related Party Transactions

The Utility received \$ 109,128 for gas, electric and collection services from the City of Cascade for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2015.

The Utility paid \$ 2,964 for shared supplies, repairs and copier to the City of Cascade for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2015.

(8) Risk Management

Cascade Municipal Utilities is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft, damage to and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. These risks are covered by the purchase of commercial insurance. The Utility assumes liability for any deductibles and claims in excess of coverage limitations. Settled claims from these risks did not exceed commercial insurance coverage in any of the past three fiscal years

(9) Concentration of Credit Risk

The Utility grants credit to its customers, all of whom are located in the municipal service area.

OTHER INFORMATION

CASCADE MUNICIPAL UTILITIES
 (COMPONENT UNIT OF THE CITY OF CASCADE, IOWA)
 BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE
 OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS AND CHANGES IN BALANCES
 BUDGET AND ACTUAL (CASH BASIS) -
 ALL PROPRIETARY FUNDS
 OTHER INFORMATION
 Year Ended June 30, 2015

	Proprietary Funds <u>Actual</u>	Budgeted Amounts	Budgeted to Actual <u>Variance</u>
Receipts:			
Use of money and property	\$ 18,919	20,700	(1,781)
Charges for service	3,071,656	3,000,027	71,629
Miscellaneous	<u>132,092</u>	<u>30,000</u>	<u>102,092</u>
Total receipts	3,222,667	3,050,727	171,940
Disbursements:			
Business type activities	<u>2,787,969</u>	<u>2,860,544</u>	<u>72,575</u>
Excess of receipts over disbursements	434,698	190,183	244,515
Balances beginning of year	<u>2,638,118</u>	<u>1,854,238</u>	<u>783,880</u>
Balances end of year	<u>\$ 3,072,816</u>	<u>2,044,421</u>	<u>1,028,395</u>

See accompanying independent auditor's report and notes to other information - budgetary reporting.

**CASCADE MUNICIPAL UTILITIES
(A COMPONENT UNIT OF THE CITY OF CASCADE, IOWA)**

**NOTES TO OTHER INFORMATION -
BUDGETARY REPORTING
Year Ended June 30, 2015**

The budgetary comparison is presented in accordance with Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 41 for governments with significant budgetary perspective differences resulting from not being able to present budgetary comparisons for the General Fund and each major Special Revenue Fund.

In accordance with the Code of Iowa, the Board of Trustees annually adopts a budget on the cash basis following required public notice and hearing for all funds except the Internal Service Fund. The approved budget is then presented to the Cascade City Council for final approval. The annual budget may be amended during the year utilizing similar statutorily prescribed procedures.

Formal and legal budgetary control is based upon nine major classes of disbursements known as functions, not by fund or fund type. These nine functions are: public safety, public works, health and social services, culture and recreation, community and economic development, general government, debt service, capital projects and business type activities. Function disbursements required to be budgeted include disbursements for the General Fund, the Special Revenue Funds, the Debt Service Fund, the Capital Projects Fund, the Permanent Fund and the Enterprise Funds. Although the budget document presents function disbursements by fund, the legal level of control is at the aggregated function level, not by fund.

CASCADE MUNICIPAL UTILITIES
SCHEDULE OF THE UTILITY'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE NET PENSION LIABILITY
IOWA PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM
Last Fiscal Year
(In Thousands)
OTHER INFORMATION

	<u>2015</u>
Utility's proportion of the net pension liability	.004516%
Utility's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 183
Utility's covered-employee payroll	\$ 302
Utility's proportionate share of the net pension liability as a percentage of its covered-employee payroll	60.61%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	87.61%

See accompanying independent auditor's report and
notes to other information-pension liability.

CASCADE MUNICIPAL UTILITIES
(COMPONENT UNIT OF THE CITY OF CASCADE, IOWA)
SCHEDULE OF UTILITY CONTRIBUTIONS
IOWA PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM
Last 6 Fiscal Years
(In Thousands)
OTHER INFORMATION

	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010
Statutorily required contribution	\$ 28	27	25	24	19	18
Contributions in relation to the statutorily required contribution	(28)	(27)	(25)	(24)	(19)	(18)
Contribution deficiency (excess)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Utility's covered-employee payroll	\$ 311	302	289	292	276	273
Contributions as a percentage of covered-employee payroll	8.93%	8.93%	8.67%	8.07%	6.95%	6.65%

See accompanying independent auditor's report and notes to other information-pension liability.

CASCADE MUNICIPAL UTILITIES
(COMPONENT UNIT OF THE CITY OF CASCADE)

Notes to Other Information - Pension Liability

Year Ended June 30, 2015

Changes of benefit terms:

Legislation passed in 2010 modified benefit terms for current Regular members. The definition of final average salary changed from the highest three to the highest five years of covered wages. The vesting requirement changed from four years of service to seven years. The early retirement reduction increased from 3 percent per year measured from the member's first unreduced retirement age to a 6 percent reduction for each year of retirement before age 65.

In 2008, legislative action transferred four groups - emergency medical service providers, county jailers, county attorney investigators, and National Guard installation security officers - from Regular membership to the protection occupation group for future service only.

Benefit provisions for sheriffs and deputies were changed in the 2004 legislative session. The eligibility for unreduced retirement benefits was lowered from age 55 by one year each July 1 (beginning in 2004) until it reached age 50 on July 1, 2008. The years of service requirement remained at 22 or more. Their contribution rates were also changed to be shared 50-50 by employee and employer, instead of the previous 40-60 split.

Changes of assumptions:

The 2014 valuation implemented the following refinements as a result of a quadrennial experience study:

- Decreased the inflation assumption from 3.25 percent to 3.00 percent.
- Decreased the assumed rate of interest on member accounts from 4.00 percent to 3.75 percent per year.
- Adjusted male mortality rates for retirees in the Regular membership group.
- Reduced retirement rates for sheriffs and deputies between the ages of 55 and 64.
- Moved from an open 30 year amortization period to a closed 30 year amortization period for the UAL beginning June 30, 2014. Each year thereafter, changes in the UAL from plan experience will be amortized on a separate closed 20 year period.

The 2010 valuation implemented the following refinements as a result of a quadrennial experience study:

- Adjusted retiree mortality assumptions.
- Modified retirement rates to reflect fewer retirements.
- Lowered disability rates at most ages.
- Lowered employment termination rates.
- Generally increased the probability of terminating members receiving a deferred retirement benefit.
- Modified salary increase assumptions based on various service duration.

The 2007 valuation adjusted the application of the entry age normal cost method to better match projected contributions to the projected salary stream in future years. It also included in the calculation of the UAL amortization payments the one-year lag between the valuation date and the effective date of the annual actuarial contribution rate.

The 2006 valuation implemented the following refinements as a result of a quadrennial experience study:

- Adjusted salary increase assumptions to service based assumptions.
- Decreased the assumed interest rate credited on employee contributions from 4.25 percent to 4.00 percent.
- Lowered the inflation assumption from 3.50 percent to 3.25 percent.
- Lowered disability rates for sheriffs and deputies and protection occupation members.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

CASCADE MUNICIPAL UTILITIES
 (COMPONENT UNIT OF THE CITY OF CASCADE, IOWA)
 STATEMENT OF INDEBTEDNESS
 Year Ended June 30, 2015

<u>Obligation</u>	<u>Date of Issue</u>	<u>Interest Rates</u>	<u>Amount Originally Issued</u>	<u>Balance Beginning of Year</u>
Revenue note:				
Electric	Jan. 27, 2011	2.00 - 4.10%	\$ 2,275,000	<u>1,745,000</u>

	<u>Issued During Year</u>	<u>Redeemed During Year</u>	<u>Balance End of Year</u>	<u>Interest Paid</u>
Revenue note: (continued)				
Electric (continued)	\$ 0	140,000	1,605,000	<u>57,540</u>

See accompanying independent auditor's report.

CASCADE MUNICIPAL UTILITIES
 (COMPONENT UNIT OF THE CITY OF CASCADE, IOWA)
 NOTE MATURITIES
 June 30, 2015

Year Ending June 30,	Revenue notes	
	Electric	
	Issued Jan. 27, 2011	
	Interest Rates	Amount
2016	2.20%	\$ 140,000
2017	2.55	145,000
2018	2.90	145,000
2019	3.15	150,000
2020	3.40	155,000
2021	3.60	160,000
2022	3.75	165,000
2023	3.90	175,000
2024	4.00	180,000
2025	4.10	<u>190,000</u>
Total		<u>\$ 1,605,000</u>

See accompanying independent auditor's report.

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**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL
OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND
OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH
GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS**

To the Board of Trustees of the
Cascade Municipal Utilities:

We have audited in accordance with U.S. generally accepted auditing standards and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the business type activities and each major fund of Cascade Municipal Utilities, component unit of the City of Cascade, Iowa, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2015, and the related Notes to Financial Statements, which collectively comprise the Utility's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated November 27, 2015. Our report expressed unmodified opinions on the financial statements which were prepared on the basis of cash receipts and disbursements, a basis of accounting other than U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

Internal Control over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered Cascade Municipal Utilities' internal control over financial reporting to determine the audit procedures appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Cascade Municipal Utilities' internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of Cascade Municipal Utilities' internal control.

A deficiency in internal control exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct misstatements on a timely basis. A material weakness is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of Cascade Municipal Utilities' financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations during our audit, we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. We did identify a certain deficiency in internal control, described in Part I of the accompanying Schedule of Findings as item I-A-15, to be a significant deficiency.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Cascade Municipal Utilities' financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under Government Auditing Standards.

Comments involving statutory and other legal matters about the Utility's operations for the year ended June 30, 2015 are based exclusively on knowledge obtained from procedures performed during our audit of the financial statements of the Utility. Since our audit was based on tests and samples, not all transactions that might have had an impact on the comments were necessarily audited. The comments involving statutory and other legal matters are not intended to constitute legal interpretations of those statutes.

Cascade Municipal Utilities' Responses to Findings

Cascade Municipal Utilities' responses to findings identified in our audit are described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings. Cascade Municipal Utilities' responses were not subjected to the auditing procedures in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on them.

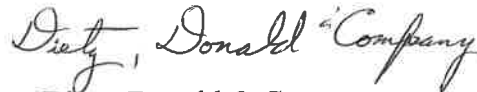
Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the Utility's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards in considering the Utility's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

We would like to acknowledge the many courtesies and assistance extended to us by personnel of Cascade Municipal Utilities during the course of our audit. Should you have any questions concerning any of the above matters, we shall be pleased to discuss them with you at your convenience.

Elkader, Iowa

November 27, 2015



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CASCADE MUNICIPAL UTILITIES
(COMPONENT UNIT OF THE CITY OF CASCADE, IOWA)
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS
Year Ended June 30, 2015

Part I: Findings Related to the Financial Statements:

INTERNAL CONTROL DEFICIENCIES:

I-A-15 Cash Receipts - The Utility does not use preprinted, prenumbered receipts.

Recommendation - The Utility should give preprinted, prenumbered receipts for all collections and that copies be retained for audit purposes.

Response - We will do this.

Conclusion - Response accepted.

INSTANCES OF NON-COMPLIANCE

No matters were noted.

CASCADE MUNICIPAL UTILITIES
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SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS
Year Ended June 30, 2015

Part II: Other Findings Related to Required Statutory Reporting:

- II-A-15 Certified Budget - Disbursements for the year ended June 30, 2015 did not exceed the amounts budgeted.
- II-B-15 Questionable Disbursements - No disbursements that we believe may not meet the requirements of public purpose as defined in an Attorney General's opinion dated April 25, 1979 were noted.
- II-C-15 Travel Expense - No disbursements of Utility money for travel expenses of spouses of Utility officials or employees were noted. No travel advances to Utility officials or employees were noted.
- II-D-15 Business Transactions - No business transactions between the Utility and Utility officials were noted.
- II-E-15 Bond Coverage - Surety bond coverage of Utility officials and employees is in accordance with statutory provisions. The amount of coverage should be reviewed annually to insure the coverage is adequate for current operations.
- II-F-15 Board Minutes - No transactions were found that we believe should have been approved in the board minutes but were not.
- II-G-15 Deposits and Investments - No instances of noncompliance with the deposit and investment provisions of Chapter 12B and 12C of the Code of Iowa and the Utility's investment policy were noted.
- II-H-15 Revenue Notes - No instances of non-compliance with the revenue note resolutions were noted.